Central Sector Schemes for farmers

2334. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Central Sector Schemes under which incentives are provided to farmers for use of quality seeds and location specific high yielding varieties of foodgrains are under implementation in Gujarat, with details; and

(b) what changes in the crop productivity has been noticed in the State after implementation of these schemes with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) A Central Sector Scheme of Minikit Programme of Rice, Wheat and Coarse-cereals is under implementation in the State of Gujarat. Under this Scheme seed minikits of location specific recently released/notified high yielding varieties of these crops are supplied to the farmers at a nominal cost by charging 10 percent of the cost of minikits from the farmers.

(b) The implementation of the above scheme has helped in increasing the productivity of the above crops in Gujarat. The details are as follows:

(Kg/Ha)

Crop	Productivity before implementation of the scheme	Productivity after implementation of the scheme (1998-99)
Rice	1223(1970-71)	1608
Wheat	1737(1973-74)	2443
Coarse-cereals	682(1973-74)	1105

Financial assistance to agriculture Universities

2335. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) financial assistance provided by the ICAR under various heads to the State Agriculture Universities during the Eighth Plan

and till 1999-2000-University-wise and status of utilisation of those in respect of the Assam Agriculture University, faculty-wise;

(b) names of ongoing national level, coordinated or ad-hoc research and extension projects in Assam Agriculture University, faculty-wise including date of commencement amount allocated and achievements made; and

(c) names of the research projects sanctioned by the ICAR to the Assam Agriculture University, faculty-wise upto March, 1999 and list of those projects awaiting clearance, faculty-wise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Financial assistance is provided to all State Agricultural Universities for Development and Strengthening under-graduate and post gradu-

ate studies teaching programme. These grants are provided to develop infrastructure, repair and maintenance of hostels and academic block, faculty competence improvement, student and faculty amenities, library strengthening and networking, instruction farm development and activities needed for quality improvement of Agricultural Education.

During VIII Plan total support of Rs. 6145.05 lakhs has been provided University-wise allocation is given in the statement (*See* below). The amount released during the last three years is Rs. 8073.77 lakhs as given in Annexure. (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No 63.)

Status of utilization of the grant to Assam Agricultural University faculty-wise is contained in Annexure. (*See* Appendix No 188, Annexure No-63)

(b) and (c) Information as per Annexure. (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure-63)

Statement

Financial assistance given to SAU's during VIII Plan under the scheme development and strengthening of Agricultural Universities

(Rupees in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of University	VIII PLAN
1.	AAU, Jorhat	267.76
2.	APAU, Hyderabad	239.00
3.	BAU, Kanke	173.74
4.	BCKVV, Mohanpur	233.65
5.	CSAUA&T, Kanpur	103.22
6.	GAU, Banaskantha	286.90
7.	GBPUA&T, Pantnagar	269.70
8.	HAU, Hissar	315.00
9.	HPKV, Palampur	250.00
10.	IGAU, Raipur	191.95
11.	JNKVV, Jabalpur	234.36
12.	KAU, Trichur	346.67
13.	KKV, Dapoli	167.32
14.	MAU, Parbhani	151.54
15.	MPKV, Rahuri	204.75
16.	NDUA&T, Faizabad	175.00
17.	OUA&T, Bhubaneshwar	256.00
18.	PAU, Ludhiana	245.50
19.	PDKV, Akola	161.20
20.	RAU, Bikaner	350.25
21.	RAU, Pusa	77.24
22.	SKUAS&T, Jammu	209.78

S.No.	Name of University	VIII PLAN
23.	TNAU, Coimbatore	203.29
24.	TNV&ASU, Madras	248.00
25.	UAS, Bangalore	291.61
26.	UAS, Dharwad	227.36
27.	WBUA&FS, Calcutta	25.00
28.	YSPUH&F, Solan	239.26
	TOTAL	6145.05

Development of wet, land

2336. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total wet land in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the State Government of Orissa has requested the Central Government to develop the wet land in that State;

(c) if so, whether any proposal has been submitted by the State Government to the Centre for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to consider that proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) A statement showing total wet land in the country, State-wise is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) The State Government of Orissa has not submitted any specific proposal for development of wet lands in the State. However, Ministry of Environment and Forests have identified 20 wet lands for conservation and management in the country which includes Chilka lake from Orissa. In this connection recently a management action plan has been received by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from Orissa Government for conservation of Chilka wet land, which is being processed by that Ministry for financial assistance.